

# Law Enforcement Patrol

## Mission

To create a safe environment for Indiana citizens by enforcing state and federal laws.

## Summary of Activities

Law enforcement patrol activities implemented by the **Indiana State Police** include many facets of operation, including the enforcement of traffic laws, commercial vehicle enforcement and training.

In 2002, 655 state troopers were deployed. They patrolled a total of 38,772,105 miles, with the following results:

DUI Arrests	7,681
Written warnings	376,794
Truck arrests	91,702
Criminal arrests	27,318
Felony arrests	10,463



The **Department of Natural Resources** (DNR) Conservation Officers enforce natural resource laws and rules through fish and wildlife law enforcement patrols, boating law enforcement patrols, patrols of DNR property for criminal, traffic and natural resource law violations.

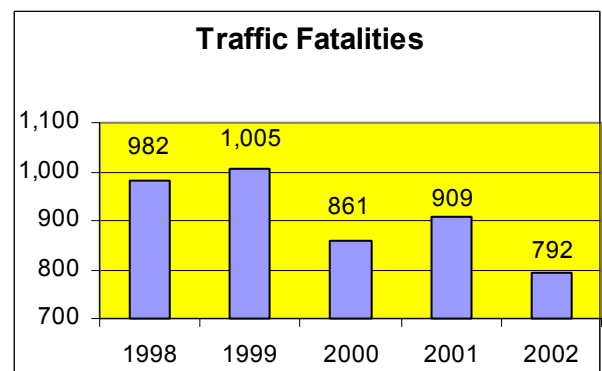
## External Factors

External factors that influence law enforcement patrol activities include vehicle miles traveled, safety belt compliance, impaired driving, and weather conditions. Increased use of DNR recreational opportunities increases the need for expanded law enforcement patrols. Higher use requires an evident law enforcement presence necessary to reduce recreational accidents and curb more traditional criminal activity.

## Evaluation and Accomplishments

A total of 735,506 traffic related staff-hours were worked by the State Police in 2002. Traffic arrests, moving arrests, truck arrests, trucks measured, and police services all increased from the previous year. Officers working on federally funded grant projects produced 68,209 traffic arrests, 1,891 criminal arrests, and 1,091 driving-under-the-influence arrests. A total of 22,746 citations were written for seat belt violations. Department aircraft provided assistance in controlling the flow of vehicles and pedestrians into and out of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the Indianapolis 500 and the Brickyard 400, and for state university football games. The Aviation Section conducted 181 searches, 36 surveillance details, and 138 photographic flights. In addition, they worked 52 traffic enforcement details resulting in 982 traffic citations and 247 written warning being issued.

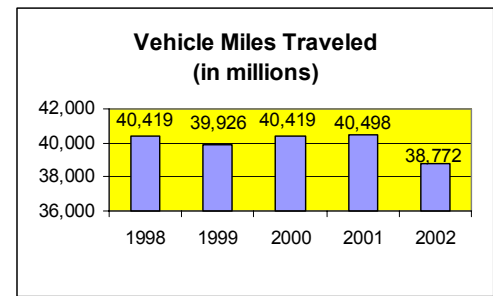
In 2002, the DNR was involved in 10,899 investigations totaling 29,246 hours. The investigations included fish and wildlife, boating and other conservation investigations. The Law Enforcement Division made 9,000 public appearances. The Division also conducted outdoor education programs for hunters, boaters, snowmobiles, and trappers. The education programs number 660 classes with a total of 24,579 students.



## Plans for the Biennium

The State Police have identified these patrol-related goals for the next biennium:

- To continue with the procurement of a new voice/data communication system.
- To decrease the total number of miles driven over the life of a patrol car.
- To continue the enhancement and utilization of information technology department-wide.



The DNR Law Enforcement Division will continue to protect and promote natural resource recreational activities in the next biennium. The Division will:

- Concentrate on an increased presence on the waters of the state to promote boating safety.
- Graduate 25 recruits in April 2004 which will provide the Division with a full compliment of 215 conservation officers.
- Continue to work on environmental as well as other conservation and natural resource violations.

## Special Initiatives



Public safety agencies currently operate on disparate, stand-alone systems that do not allow interagency communications or response. In an effort to vastly improve public safety communications and cooperation, the State Police Department has joined the **Integrated Public Safety Commission (IPSC)** in developing and implementing Project Hoosier SAFE-T, an integrated, statewide, wireless, voice and mobile data communications network. Hoosier SAFE-T will provide effective interoperable communications to all local, state and federal first responder agencies that elect to join the system.

The Hoosier SAFE-T infrastructure, funded entirely by the state, will utilize a network of 126 communication sites across the state. Currently, eight communication sites are operational on Hoosier SAFE-T and 55 additional sites are being installed.

